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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the October 3, 2005 Office Action in the abovereferenced U.S. patent application, requiring the election for prosecution of either:

- 1) Group I Claims 1 19, drawn to a method, classified in class 210, subclass 660+; or
- 2) Group II Claims 20 34, drawn to an anion exchange column, classified in class 210, subclass 263+.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I consisting of Claims 1 - 19, and respectfully request examination thereof.

Reply dated Nov. 2, 2005

Since a reply to the restriction requirement is due by November 3, 2005,

Applicants respectfully submit that this Reply is being timely filed. No fees or extensions

of time are believed to be necessary. However, if any fee is due, please debit Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

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